

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 7, 9-11, 14, 16, 21, 24, and 30 by rewriting same to read as follows and cancel claims 1-4, 6, 13, 23, 25-29, 31, and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

~~--5. (Twice Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:~~

~~an electronic apparatus provided with at least four audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels;~~

~~a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in a form of audio signals output from said audio signal output terminals; and~~

~~a plurality of connecting cable members, each of said plurality of connecting cable members incorporating a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by one of plurality of insulating sheathing members for connecting said electronic apparatus to said plurality of speakers, wherein~~

~~each of said audio signal output terminals is arranged corresponding to positions of said plurality of speakers, said plurality of speakers being arranged corresponding to said plurality of channels, wherein~~

~~each of said audio signal output terminals is distinguished by one of a plurality of colors for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible; and~~

~~each of said plurality of connecting cable members is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding~~

to a color distribution of said audio signal output terminals,  
and wherein

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said distinction of each of said plurality of connecting  
cable members is implemented by a plurality of thermally  
contractile tubes each bearing a different color secured to each  
of said plurality of connecting cable members.

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--7. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system  
according to Claim 5, wherein each of a plurality of speaker  
terminals is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors  
corresponding to said color distribution of said audio signal  
output terminals.

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--9. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according  
to Claim 5, wherein said distinguishing of each of said audio  
signal output terminals is performed by adhering a plurality of  
sheets each bearing a different color in proximity to each of  
said audio signal output terminals.

--10. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system  
according to Claim 5, wherein said distinguishing of each of said  
audio signal output terminals is performed by a  
different-color-designating portion formed in proximity to a  
portion of a back panel of said electronic apparatus fitted with  
said audio signal output terminals.

--11. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein

one end of said connecting cable member has a plug connector structure fitted with said pair of conductor members in the form of a pair of coupling holes respectively connected to two conductor portions;

said audio signal output terminals conform to a socket connector structure coupled with said plug connector member;

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said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other of said plug connectors is coupled with said socket connector;

wherein said pair of coupling holes are to be coupled with said two connecting pins and said plug connector includes a position-controlling means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means of said socket connector for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual connecting cable members corresponds to a color provided for said plug connector.

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--14. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein each of said plurality of thermally contractile tubes are secured to one of said plurality of sheathing members for visually discerning said polarities of said

conductor members provided for each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

--15. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein

an end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a plug connector structure fitted with a pair of said conductor members connected to said two pieces of conductor portions;

each of said audio signal output terminals are coupled with said plug connector;

34 said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said plug connectors; and

said other of said plug connectors has a pair of coupling holes coupled with said two connecting pins and a position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means of said socket connector for matching said polarities.

Subc 3 --16. (Twice Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus having a plurality of audio signal output terminals compatible with at least four of a plurality of

channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in the form of an audio signal output from each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals; and

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a plurality of connecting cable members each having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities, and each of said plurality of connecting cable members are individually sheathed with an insulating sheathing member and are used for connecting said electronic apparatus and said plurality of speakers, wherein

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said audio signal output terminals corresponding to said plurality of channels provided for said electronic apparatus are individually distinguished by associating each of said plurality of channels with a color to visually discern individual channels; and

said plurality of connecting cable members is provided with a specific color corresponding to said colors provided for each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals for visual discernment of individual channels, wherein

said distinguishing of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is performed using a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color and secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

--21. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein

one end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a first connector structure fitted with a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities each connected to two conductor portions;

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals conforms to a second connector structure and is coupled with said first connector member;

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said first connector member has position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said second connector members;

another of said second connector members has a pair of coupling holes coupled with said pair of connecting pins and a position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means of said first connector member for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual connecting cable members corresponds to said color provided for said first connector member.

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--24. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein each of said plurality of thermally contractile tubes is secured to a sheathing member for sheathing individual conductor members and for visually

B6 discerning said polarities of said conductor members provided for each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

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--30. (Twice Amended) A connecting cable member having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by an insulating sheathing member, wherein

B7 one end of said connecting cable member is provided with said pair of conductor members linked with a pair of conductive portions, said one end conforming to a connector structure bearing one of a plurality of predetermined colors; and

another end of said connecting cable member such that said conductive portions are separated and said other end is fitted with a thermally contractile tube bearing a color identical to said color provided for a connector member secured to said end, wherein

each of a plurality of said sheathing members is provided with said thermally contractile tube bearing a unique color of said plurality of colors to visually discern said polarities of said conductor members at said other end of said connecting cable member.

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